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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Return to Sperenberg of a Unit with New Amphibious Vehicles

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DATE PREPARED 20 October 1954

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Soldiers and materiel detained at the barracks installation on Schumke Lake (3441) on 5 and 6 October 1954 included:

5 October. A shipment of 36 track-laying amphibious vehicles.

6 October. At about 0400, 28 track-laying amphibious vehicles.
At 0900, a shipment of 22 track-laying amphibious vehicles,
6 trucks, 2 field kitchens and 2 boxcarloads of soldiers
wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

2. The units, which had an estimated 300 soldiers, were quartered as previously north of Hege Lake. Thereafter, the Schumke installation was occupied by a total of approximately 2,300 soldiers. The welcome by the Soviet families living there indicated that the troops were those previously observed there. Motor vehicle

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were seen.

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Comment. the three shipments came from Guesen. This unit with track-laying amphibious vehicles transferred from Sperenberg to Guesen on 2 trains totaling 75 flatcars on 11 September. An additional 13 similar amphibious vehicles presumably arrived at Guesen from the USSR on 15 September. It is thus believed that a total of approximately 80 of these amphibious vehicles were assembled in the Guesen area after 15 September. The 86 amphibious vehicles mentioned in the present report appears credible since,

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